

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF TRADITIONAL SPORTS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the traditional sports popular in the rural and tribal areas of the country and the steps being taken to provide them exposure at the national level;
- (b) whether any State-wise survey has been conducted to identify and develop traditional sports in the country and the details thereof State-wise; and
- (c) if not, by when the survey in this regard would be conducted and the scheme that would be formulated for their development in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) The names of few tradition at games popular in the country are Dhopakhel, Mukna, Khong Kangjei, Sagol Kangjei, Kang, Yubee Lakpee, Hiyan, Tannaba, Lamjei, Cheibi Gad-Ga, Thang-Ta, Sarit-Sarak, Insuknawr, Inhuan, Mizo Inchai, Hole Taso Dukaranam, Hinam, tumam, Parok-Pamin, Sinam, Cock-fighting, Atya-Patya, Kalari Payattu, Snake - Boat Race, Silambam, Asop Aap, Asol Tale, Kirip, Hara, Saldu, K-Nang Haun. Thoda Malakhamb, Kho-Kho, Kabaddi etc. As `Sports` is a State subject it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to develop sports in their concerned States. Government of India is, however, implementing the following schemes to popularize traditional sports in the country :

(i) Assistance to the National Sports Federations : Under the scheme financial assistance is provided for promotion of traditional sports such as Kho-Kho, Kabaddi and Ataya Patya.

(ii) Rural Sports Programme : This scheme contains following two sub-components under which tournaments of traditional sports disciplines are organized besides the selected disciplines;

(A) Rural Sports Tournament : Under this component, besides organization of tournaments of selected disciplines, such as Athletics, tug-of-war, Archery, Hockey, Kho-Khom Kabaddi, Weightlifting, Volleyball, Wrestling and Football, State Governments organize tournaments in indigenous sports, popular in the area at block, district and State levels.

(B) Sports Festival for North East Region : Under this component, North East Sports Festival is organized involving sports persons from the North-Eastern States every year. Besides the Selected disciplines, viz. Athletics, Badminton, boxing, Football, Hockey, Judo, Table Tennis and Weightlifting, sports disciplines that are popular in these States, are also included.

(iii) Special Area Games : Special Area Games scheme is being implemented by SAI to scout and nurture talent from tribal, rural, coastal and hilly areas and also from regions where genetically gifted individual are located with a view to grooming them to achieve excellence in particular sports disciplines.

The traditional sports have already been given exposure at the national level under the said schemes.

(b): Yes, Sir. The Sports Authority of India during 1986-87 conducted the State-wise survey and a booklet on Indigenous Games & Martial arts was published in August, 1987.

(c) : Does not arise.